Bird with spread wings

Sized for a 6 inch hoop (15 cm). The stitched design is about 3.9 × 4.1 in (9.9 × 10.4 cm).



Which color goes where: by number on page 2.
Fabric: pale blue cotton or linen.

Stitch in this order

Filled parts from the back of the picture forward, then lines and knots.

1. **Long and short stitch**, 1 strand
   Thistle leaves, thistle flowers, thistle cups, tail feathers, flight feathers, gold wing bars, wing coverts, small coverts, wing edge, and 6 more
2. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Thistle stems, bill, eye
3. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Leaf veins, feather edges, bill line
4. **Fly stitch**, 1 strand
   Thistle scales
5. **French knot**, 1 strand, two wraps
   Eye light

Three ways to transfer the pattern

1. **Fabric you can see through**
   Tape page 3 to a sunny window or lay it on a light box, tape the fabric over it and trace the lines with a sharp pencil or a water-soluble pen.
2. **Fabric you cannot see through**
   Lay dressmaker's carbon paper colored side down on the fabric with page 3 on top, tape the layers and trace the lines firmly with a ballpoint pen.
3. **Iron-on: the lines stay**
   Go over the lines of page 4, the mirrored page, with an iron-on transfer pen, lay it ink side down on the fabric and press with a dry iron, as the pen's packet says.

Pages 3 and 4 are the pattern at actual size. Print them at 100% with scaling turned off. Then put the fabric in the hoop: inner ring under, drawing up, tight as a drum.

Floss

- **1 DMC 520 Dark Fern Green**
  Thistle leaves and thistle cups (dark), leaf veins and thistle scales
- **2 DMC 522 Fern Green**
  Thistle leaves and thistle cups (light), thistle stems
- **3 DMC 3364 Pine Green** Thistle cups and thistle leaves (middle)
- **4 DMC 553 Violet** Thistle flowers (light)
- **5 DMC 550 Very Dark Violet** Thistle flowers (darkest)
- **6 DMC 552 Medium Violet** Thistle flowers (dark)
- **7 DMC 209 Dark Lavender** Thistle flowers (lightest)
- **8 DMC 310 Black**
  Flight feathers, tail feathers, wing coverts and crown (dark), eye
- **9 DMC 3799 Very Dark Pewter Gray**
  Flight feathers, wing coverts, tail feathers and crown (middle)
- **10 DMC 317 Pewter Gray**
  Flight feathers, tail feathers, wing coverts and crown (light)
- **11 DMC 762 Very Light Pearl Gray** Feather edges (lighter)
- **12 DMC 3820 Dark Straw** Gold wing bars (middle)
- **13 DMC 782 Dark Topaz** Gold wing bars (dark)
- **14 DMC 726 Light Topaz** Gold wing bars (light)
- **15 DMC 437 Light Tan**
  Back, wing edge and small coverts (lightest), feather edges (darker) and 2 more parts
- **16 DMC 433 Medium Brown**
  Small coverts, back and wing edge (dark), shoulder feathers (middle), bill line (darker)
- **17 DMC 898 Very Dark Coffee Brown**
  Back, small coverts and wing edge (darkest), shoulder feathers (dark)
- **18 DMC 435 Very Light Brown**
  Back, wing edge, small coverts and shoulder feathers (light)
- **19 DMC 3865 Winter White**
  Cheek (darker), rump (middle), eye light
- **20 DMC 644 Medium Beige Gray** Rump (dark)
- **21 DMC 712 Cream** Cheek and bill (lighter), rump (light)
- **22 DMC 666 Bright Red** Face (light)
- **23 DMC 498 Dark Red** Face (dark)
- **24 DMC 321 Red** Face (middle)

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How to read it

Floss is six strands. Cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number given one at a time, and lay them together.

Inside a filled shape start with two or three tiny stitches, which the filling covers. Start a line with a small knot on the back. End each thread by running the needle under the backs of a few stitches.

Each small ring is one French knot. A fine broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.

A number on the picture is a color of the list of floss on page 1. The fine lines on the colors show which way the stitches lie.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches. The first time: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.



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Print at 100% and check the square below with a ruler. Fold the fabric in four: the folds meet the four ticks of the ring.



1 in
25.4 mm

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Mirrored. Trace this page with an iron-on transfer pen or pencil, then press it ink side down on the fabric.



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